Public (Political) (195 48) Department

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G.O. No. 1888

Dated 3-8-1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

[illegible] Prime Minister of India - Visit to Madras - Tea Party at Raj[illegible] - Papers - Recorded.

PUBLIC (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT.

D.O.No.2197/48-2, dated 2-7-1948.

My dear Govindan Nair,

Hon'ble Premier proposes to have a tea party at 5 P.M on 24-7-1948 at the Rajaji Hall in honour of the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. I should be glad if you would obtain His Excellency's orders as to the list of invitees from the Ootacamund Government House and send me the list before 11-7-1948.

Yours sincerely,

M.G.".

To

P. Govindan Nair, Esq., I.C.S.,
P.S.G.

/True Copy/

No.9933-22.

Government House,
Ootacamund, 6th July 1948.

My dear Mr. Gopal Menon,

Govindan Nair has passed me your D.O.No.2197/48-2 of 2nd July asking for the names of invitees from Government House for the Hon'ble Premier's tea party on the 24th July in honour of the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

At present the list stands as follows:—

Their Excellencies.
Mr.P. Govindan Nair, Private Secretary.
Major W.K. Buckley, Military Secretary.
Major C.S. Reddy ⎫
Captain Rajkumar ⎬ Aides-de-Camp.
D.E. Doraiswami ⎭

It is possible that Miss Stevenson may also attend, I will confirm this at a later date.

Yours ~~fait~~ sincerely,

Major W.K. Buckley.

M. Gopal Menon, Esq., I.C.S.,
Under Secretary to Government,
Public (Political) Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS - 9.

/True Copy/

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Guindy,
22nd July 1948.

My dear Gopal Menon,

Thank you very much for the invitations to the Tea Party to the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the 24th July. Both Their Excellencies accept the same with pleasure Lady Ry will arrive a few minutes earlier with the rest of the Prime Minister's Party, and His Excellency will come in the same car with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Sd.P.Govindan Nair,
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

M. Gopal Menon, Esq., I.C.S.,
Under Secretary to Government,
Public Department.

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The Prime Minister's party will probably consist of the following:

Mrs. Indra Gandhi
Miss Rita Pandit
Mr.M.O.Mathai, Prime Minister's Private Secretary.
Mr. Trilok Nath, Security Officer.
Mr. Handa, Official Photographer.

GOVERNOR'S STAFF: -

Miss Sheila Stevenson,
Major W.K. Buckley, Military Training Secretary
P. Govindan Nair, Esq., ICS, Private Secretary.
Major Reddy
Capt Doraiswamy ,Aides-de- Camp
Capt Karunakaran

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND VERY URGENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

From
C.K- Vijayaraghavan, Esq., I.C.S,
Inspector General of Police,
Madras - 4.

To
The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public (Political) Department.

Rc.No.1371-1/48 HB/48, dated 22nd July 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Tours - Hon'ble the Prime Minister of India - Visit to Madras City - Programme.
Ref: Public (Political) Department Under Secretary's D.O.No. 28/48-1, dated 21-7-1948.

I request that full details regarding the exact composition and the number of members of the Hon'ble the Prime Minister's party may kindly be furnished to me very urgently for making necessary bundobust arrangements

Yours faithfully,
Sd. x x x
for Inspector General of Police.

/True Copy/

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.
VERY URGENT.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Abstract.
(Public (Political) Department).

From

K. Ramunni Menon, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Inspector General of Police,
Madras - 4.

Dated: Fort St. George, the 22nd July 1948.

Sir,

Tours - Hon'ble the Prime Minister of India - Visit to Madras City - Programme.

Ref: Your letter No.Rc.1371-1/4B/48, dated the 22nd July 1948.

With reference to your letter cited I am directed to say that the Hon'ble the Prime Minister's Party will probably consist of:

Mrs. Indra Gandhi.
Miss Rita Gandhi Pandit.
Mr. M.O. Mathai, Prime Minister's Private Secretary.
Mr. Trilok Nath, Security Officer.
Mr. Handa, Official Photographer.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. x x x
for Chief Secretary to Government.
/True Copy/
PUBLIC (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT.

Sub: Prime Minister of India, The Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 24th and 25th July 1948, it is proposed to give a Tea Party at 5 p.m. on 24-7-1948.

PLACE: According to the tentative tour programme at flag (I) the function will be at the 'Rajaji Hall', Mount Road.

List of invitees: Last time when a tea party was arranged to meet the Mountabattens in January last officials and non-officials down to Article 37 of the Warrant of Precedence were invited. A few others who did not come within Articles, 1-37 of the Warrant, such as Joint Secretaries to Government, Sheriff of Madras, Depity High Commissioner for the United Kingdom and Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Council's representing City Constitutencies were also invited as a special case. With an addition of another 40 or 50 non-officials including wives, the total number of invitees was 350. Of them 300 were accommodated in the hall and the rest 50 at a buffet table outside. The same procedure may be followed this time also.

As regards the invitees from the Government House, the Best Private Secretary to the Governormay be a ked to send a list. Draft D.O. is submitted. Barring the Government House a tentative list of invitees is submitted at (R) for Hon'ble Primer's approval.

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After issue of the drafts the file may be circulated to Hon'ble Primier for approval of the list of invitees.

B.J.
2-7-48.

Draft may issue. I shall also phone up Private Secretary to the Governor.

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List at (R) should be typed out afresh.

M.G.M.
2-7-48.

A clean copy of the list of invitees is put up below for approval.

D.J.
4-7-48.

A 1. The No. of guests may be between 600 and 700.
" B" 2. Put up the list in a separate file for approval by Hon'ble Premier.

3. *** ***

M.G.M.
5-7-48.

Necessary extracts have been taken and the file is sub ited with reference to *A* and "B" above.

It is submitted~~that~~ that the Rajaji Hall does not provide sufficient accommodation to have a Tea Party for 600 or 700 persons. Please see in this connection the notes at *A* on p. 31 of flag (E). Last time only 300 persons could be provided inside the hall. If it is decided to have 600 or 700 invitees it will be necessary to hold the Party partly inside and partly outside the building or have it as a Garden Party on the lawns. For orders.

The total number of invitees in the list at (HH) is only about 280 (275 + 5)? With reference to "B" above about 400 persons have to be added to the list. The Legislature is likely to be in Session at the time. If it is decided to invite all the Members of both the Houses of the Legislature the number of invitees on this account will be about 230. This will bring up the total of invitees to 510. This means that another about 990 invitees can be invited. For orders as to who will be invited.

Sd. x x x
6-7-48.

Garden party is out of the question, because of the uncertain weather.

If the retention is that all Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Council shall also be invited than the total Nos in Nos. of members will be 510. Spare accommodation for last minute invitations, will also be required, ~~kaq~~ making the total 550. We shall have to examine whether so much accommodation is available.

List at HH for approval.

Sd. x x x
6-7-48.

New Consulate General for America. Mr. Steeper or something similar - has to be included -
Mayor of Madras seems to have been omitted.
Deputy Secretaries, Secretary of Board of Revenue, Under Secretaries and offices of that Grade may be included.
All Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative.

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Council's (including nominated Members of the Legislative Council's).

Commissioner of Police, Madras and his wife should be include

Sd. x x x
6-7-1948.

The list has been revised as ordered above and a fresh list is put up at flag "L".

In the case of Deputy Secretaries to Government, Non-Indian Civil Service Officers who are working as Deputy Secretaries or Additional Deputy Secretaries to Government have been excluded.There are about six of them in the Secretariat and ~~personally~~ sumably it is not the intention to include them. As regards the Board of Revenue, the Secretaries and Joint Secretaries of the Board and the Civil Supplies have been included. The notably ~~the~~ ommissions are the Provincial Controller and Food Rationing and the Deputy Commissioner of Excise , Civil Supplies etc. The Heads of Departments who were not already included and other officers ordered by C.S. have now been included on pp-44-48 of the list. Besides the above, the names of the following persons may also be considered for inclusion in the list:-

1. P.T. Raman Nayar, Esq., I.C.S., Registrar, High Court
2. Diwan Bahadur C.P. Karunakara Menon, Regional Food Commissioner, Government of India.
3. Sri R.L. Bhalla, Commissioner of Income-Tax.
4. Sri A. Alagiriswami Nayudu, Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Premier.

A list of other Heads of Departments etc., of the Central Government and some other officials in the City is at flag (X). For orders whether any of them should be invited.

In the revised list, the names of all Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Council's reisiding both in the City and the Mufassal have been typed together. Wives have been marked only in the case of those who are permanently resident in the city. Srimathi A.V. Kuttimalu Amma, Members of the Legislative Assembly, has been omitted from the list of Members of the Legislative Assembly's as she appears earlier in the list as the wife of Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.

The Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor has since sent a list of invitees from the Government House. The list at (L) has been corrected suitably.

The total number of invitees comes to 421 and the number of wives to be invited comes to 127. This will total to 548. For orders as to any further additions to be made. Orders are also requested on X on pp.23 above.

Sd. x x x
8-7-1948.A on

A on 3:

Provincial Controller of Food Rationing may be included. All Indian Civil Service Officers and listed post holders may also be included.

B above:

Nos. (1), (10) and (12) at X may be included.

Sd. x x x
8-7-1948.

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Necessary additions have been made to his statement at (L) in with reference to ordes on page 4 ante. The total numbers of invitees now comes to 574.

2. With reference to 486 orders in the margin on page 4 ante, it is understood that the Managers came and saw us today.

Sd. x x x
9-7-1948.

The Manager saw me this morning. He says they will easily be space for 600 or 700 if the out verandahs are also used.

List may be circulated to Hon'ble Premier.

Sd. x x x
9-7-1948.

Hon'ble Premier may glance through the list at (L). It includes all Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Council's, prominent officials, Consular representatives etc.,

Sd. C.P.R.
12-7-1948.

Tamil Nad and Andhra District ~~Co-operative~~ Congress Committee President and Secretary should be added (i.e. Madras District).
Check up Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Council's as instructed.

Sd. x x x
13-7-1949.

With reference to Chief Secretary's orders at the bottom of p. 5 ante the names of the presidents and Secretaries of the Andhra and Tamilnad District Congress Committees in the Madras City have been added to the lists of invitees at (L). The list of Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Councils has been checked with reference to the latest list available in the Legislature Secretariat. The addresse etc. of some of the Members of the Legislative Assembly's and have been corrected and the names of the two of the Members of the Legislative Assembly's elected recently have been added on p.43-A of (L). The total number of invitees including the wives of these mentioned at (A) above now comes to 586.

It is found that the list at (L) does not include all the detail dailies in the city. The following are the 4 prominent dailies which have been left out.

1. Free Press.
2. Bharat Devi.
3. Swatantranadu.
4. Thanthi.

Besides, the representatives of the Associated Press of India and the United Press of India may also be invited. For orders.

The Special Officer for Departmental Enquiries also does not find a place in the list. For orders whether he may also be invited.

All the above may be included.

Sd. x x x
16-7-1948.

Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) wanted to see the list of these to be invited. The list is at flag(L).

Sd. x x x
16-7-1948.

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Hon'ble Minister (Public Works).

Invitations may go to them. I shall give a few more names on the 19th or 20th.,

Sd. x x x
16-7-1948.

Chief Secretary:

Regarding invitations to the Government Party to th Prime Minister, Members of the Constituent Assembly in this Province, if not already included, may be added to the list.

Sd. x x x
16-7-1948.

Public (Political) Department.

With reference to the orders above the names of the members of the Constitutent Assembly have been included on pp-53-55 of (L). Those members of the Constitutent Assembly who have been included already on some other considerations (such as members of the Provincial Legislative) have been omitted. The total number of invitees now comes to 613 of which 150 are wives of the invitees.

Sd. x x x
19-7-1948.

Nos. 6,12,14 and 16 on pages 53-54 of (L) may perhaps be omitted. It is reported that No. 15. The Hon'ble R.K. Shanmukham Chetti will be accompanying the Prime Minister. Invitations may be sent to him and to the other members accompanying the Prime Minister. The Private Secretary to the Governor may be requested to hand over the letters to them on arrival.

Sd. x x x
19-7-1948.

/True Copy/

From Sri R.V. Krishna Ayyar, letter dated 11-7-1948.

Please see the letter from Sri R.V. Krishna Ayyar requesting for tickets for appending.all functions in connection with the visits of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and His Excellency the Governor General of India on p. 5 c.f. It is submitted that his name was suggested for inclustion in the list of invitees for the Tea Party on the 24th instant but it was considered not necessary to do do. It does not seem ~~list~~ that attendance at public functions in connection with ~~th~~ his visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India such as the public meeting at Island Ground is regulated.by tickets. For orders whether he may be informed accordingly- As regards Ge-e the functions relating to the arrival of the Governor General he may make separate application then.

With reference to the orders on pp-7+19 and 23 c.f. necessary additions have been made to the list at (L). The total number of invitees now comes to 691 of which 151 are wives of invitees. Besides action action is being taken to to issue invitations to 13 naval officers and 18 others as per orders. of Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) just received.

Sd. x x
22-7-1948.

With reference to 'A' above a draft letter as orally instructed by Under Secretary is submitted for approval.

Sd. x x x
23-7-1948.

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R.L. Sudarsanam Naidu Lace garlands and Flowers Merchant to the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly come for Prime Minisrer's Garden Party's Garlands.

Sd. x x x

Public (Political) Department.

Please see the slip above. It is not knowen hether the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will be garlanded at the Tea Party. If so it is for orders whether any arrangements should be made in this regard.

May be sent to the Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Premier for remarks.

Sd. x x x
19-7-1948.

No garlands seems necessary.

Sd. x x
19-7-1948.

No garlands were arranged for and when the Governor General came. The same principle may be followed.

Sd. x x x
23-7-1948.

There is no further action in this file. The papers may be recorded in a G.O. for feality of future reference.

Sd. x x x
31-7-1948.

Rfu Education,
G.O. MS. NO. 1888, Rfuvsyien dated3-8-1948.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India- Visits to Madras - Tea Party at Rajaji Hall - Papers - Recorded.

Sd. x x x
31-7-1948.

/True Copy/

Office Assistant,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

rds/26-10.

Tentative tour programme of the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India.

24th July 1948.

Noon	Arrival at Meenambakkam Aerodrame.
3 to 4-30 p.m.	Corporation Civic address.
4-45 to 5-15 p.m.	Unveiling of portrait of Rajaji in Assembly
5-30 p.m. to 6-45 p.m.	Tea (Rajaji Hall).
7 to 7-45 p.m.	Women's Indian Association meeting (Teynampet) Madras.
8-30 p.m.	Dinner - Government House, Guindy.
9- 30.	Music - Srimathi Subbulakshmi.

25th July 1948.

7.30 a.m.	Departure Meanambakkam Aerodrome - for Karaikudi Electro Chemical Institute.
10.00 a.m.	Opening of the Institute and Public meeting.
2.00 p.m.	Departure Chettinad Aerodrome for Madras.
3.30 p.m.	Arrival Meenambakkam Aerodrome.
4.30 p.m.	Guild of Service (Rajaji Hall).
5 p.m.	Asok Vihar -Corporation Health Centre
5.30 p.m.	Public Meeting at Island Grounds.
8.oop.m..	Dinner - Government House, Guindy.
9-30 ap.m.	Dance at Kalakshetra, Adyar.

~~26th~~ July 1948.

Forenoon.	Departure Meenambakkam (for Delhi).

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/True Copy/

Public (Political) Department.

Sub: Prime Minister of India - The Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru - Visit to Madras - Tea Party.

In connection with the visit to Madras of the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 24th and 25th July 1948 it is proposed to give a Tea Party, at 5 p.m. on 24.7.1948.

Place According to the tentative tour programme at flag (I) the function will at the Rajaji Hall, Mount Road.

List of invitees.- Last time when a Tea Party was arranged to meet the Mountabattens in January last officials and non-officials down to article 37 of the Warrant of Precedence were invited. A few others who did not come within articles 1-37 of the Warrant, such as Joint Secretaries to Government, Sheriff of Madras, Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom and Members of the Legislative Assembly's and Members of the Legislative Council's representing City Constituencies were also invited as a special case. With an

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: 2 :addition of another 40 or 50 non-officials including wives, the total number of invitees was 350. Of them 300 were accommodated in the hall and the rest 50 at a buffet table outside. The same procedure may be followed this time also. As regards the invitees from the Government House, the Private Secretary to the Government may be asked to send a list. Draft D.O. is submitted. Barring the Government House, a tentative list of invitees is submitted at (R) for Hon'ble Premier's approval.

Caterers:- Last time the Mysore Cafe were the caterers. A list of items of the menu arranged then will be found at p. 5 of G.O.No.380 Public (Political), dated 20-2--1948. The cost including flowers etc., came to Rs. 5/- a head. This time also the menu may be the same and the caterers may be the Mysore Cafe. Subject to orders a draft letter is submitted.

Invitation Cards: A specimen card is submitted for approval. Last time 400 cards were printed. This time also a similar number may be printed. Draft Memo to the Superintendent, Government Press is submitted.

After issue of the three drafts the file may be circulated to Hon'ble Premier for approval of the list of invitees.

Sd. x x x
2-7-1948.

D I and II may issue . I shall also phone up Private Secretary to the Governor . ~~Mrs~~ S will phone up and ask Manager Mysore Cafe to drop in at the Secretariat (MS Public's room) between 11 and 12 on 3-7-48.

List (R) should be typed out afresh.

Sd. zx x
2-7-48.

Under Secretary had a talk with the Manager, Mysore Cafe, about the arrangements for the proposed Tea Party. It is proposed to have the same men as in the case of the Party given to the Mountabattens in January last, and in addition, some North Indian dishes, sweet and savoury. Last time the menu was approved by Hon'ble Premier. Now presumably it is not necessary to obtain Hon'ble Premier's approval.

The Sub-Divisional Officer Government House, Mount Road, may be adked to render all facilities in connection with the Party as was done by him for the Party given to the Mountbattens. A draft letter to the Manager, Mysore Cafe and a draft Memo to the Sub-divisional Officer are submitted for approval.

A clean copy of list of invitees is put up below for approval.

Sd. x x x
4-7-1948.

1. The No. of guests may be between 600 and 700.
2. Put up the list in a separate file for approval by Hon'ble Premier.
3. Put up the Memo. in a separate file for approval by Honible Premier.

Sd. x x x
5-7-1948.

Extracts from this file have been taken and files put up separately as ordered by Under Secretary above.

2. Please see the proof copy of this invitation card on p. 7 c.f and the sample of the envelope proposed to be used on p. 9c.f.. ~~to~~ As regards the emblem on the card it is submitted that it has not been finally decided what should be the shape of the emblem. The Superintende

/10.

Government Press will of course change the emblem if any decision is arrived at in the meanwhile. Subject to this, the Card and the envelope are for approval. The number of cards required will be initmated to the Superintendent Government Press as soon as a decision on the number of invitees is arrived at. (The colour of the Emblem in the Proof may perhaps be in Royal Blue (instead of black).

Sd. x x x
6-7-1948.

The words "Prime Minister of India" and "Premier of Madras".

Should be in the same type of print as the rest of the Card. ~~Government~~ Get another proof quickly by special messenger.

Sd. x x x
7-7-1948.

A draft memo is submitted for approval.

~~Issue~~ at once.

Sd. x x x
7-7-1948.

Issued as Memo. No. 2197/48-3, Public (Political) dated 7-7-1948.

The revised proof of the invitation card on p. 11 c.f. obtained from the Superintendent, Government Press with reference to the orders above is for approval. The words "Prime Minister of India" and "Premier of Madras" are printed in Italics as against block letters which we had previously. But the type used for printing these words is much smaller in size.

According to the latest programme his tea party is to be held at 5-30 p.m. Necessary correction may be indicated on the proof.

Sd. x x x
8-7-1948.

A above: Type should be larger.

Chief Secretary has seen the proof and has approved. Get another proof quickly. Also ask for another proof with the printed matter in blue.

Sd. x x
8-7-1948.

A draft memo is submitted for approval.

Issue at once.

Sd. x x x
8-7-1948.

Issued at Memo. No.9/48-1, Public (Political), dated 8-7-1948.

Please see this further revised proofs ~~pr~~ of this invitation card on pp .13 and 15 c.f. The ~~co~~ colour of the ink used in printing them is diffieul erent. The card on pages 13 c.f. presents a finer appearance. For orders as to which may be chosen.

Sd. x x x
9-7-1948.

Chief Secretary has seen.
The invitation with Royal Blue emblem and block ty~~pe~~

will be adopted.

Size of the print will be exactly as in the Card at p.13 c.f.

Sd. x x x
9-7-1948.

A draft memo is submitted for approval.

Sd. x x x
9-7-1948.

Issued as Memo. No. 9/48-2, Public (Political), dated 9-7-1948.

No further action is necessary in this file. The papers may now be added to the top file. The unused cards and tickets may be destroyed and covers handed over to Central Cash Bureau for distribution to departments of the Secretariat.

Sd. x x x
31-7-1948.

/True Copy/

Office Assistant,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

rds/26-10.